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# Algeria Youth Leadership Program

Adult Mentor (Chaperone) Application

**Application Deadline: March 15, 2016**

## Program

The Algerian Youth Leadership Program is a leadership development opportunity for Algeria youth, ages 15-17. This cultural exchange will take place in Washington DC and Reno, Nevada between August 8 and September 1, with orientation in Algiers between August 5-7, 2016. The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities, student and adult participants will better understand civic participation and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.

The program will be intensive, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants to serve as chaperones and mentors, who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities. Mentors take on a unique role as role models and active program participants. We expect mentors to be fully engaged in program activities while serving as a liaison between youth participants and program staff in all aspects of managing the program.

Adult Mentors who may apply are those who

- Work with youth in their professional or volunteer activities
- Are community leaders
- Have excellent English skills
- Are committed to working with the YLP participants after they return from the United State and assist in the implementation of community projects
- Have travel experience outside their home state or province; international travel experience is not required
- Are committed to the goals and ideals of the program, including civic leadership, diversity and fostering regional and global interactions.

Instructions for completing this application: Please fill out the application in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Applications must be submitted to [cblack@unr.edu](mailto:cblack@unr.edu).

[Only computerized or typed (NOT HAND-WRITTEN) application forms will be accepted.]

# Algeria Youth Leadership Program Adult Mentor Application

**About you:** Please print your name clearly **exactly** as it appears on your passport.

Last (Family) Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last word of your name)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

City & Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence

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**About your education:**

Highest Degree/Diploma \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year you will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

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**About your employment:**

Name of employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Telephone Nr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your specific job responsibilities:

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**About your volunteer and community experience**

Describe your community involvement:

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Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies) in which you have participated, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

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Describe a specific issue or challenge in your community you would like to see Algeria and the global community overcome in the next few years. How will you contribute to assisting in working on these challenges?

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## Essay Questions

*Please answer the following questions in the space provided.*

Why is participation in this program important to you and how will it benefit your community?

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What do you see as the qualities of a good leader? Describe someone you know personally who you admire as a good leader and explain why.

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Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it.

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If a program participant develops a problem with culture shock, how will you respond? What specific actions will you take and why?

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**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport?                      Yes                      No

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_

(day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where, when, and why?

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**Signatures:**

All information in this application is accurate and true

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reference (1)

**For the Applicant: Below, fill in your name and give this form to your supervisor.  
Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it to cblack@unr.edu.**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

For the Reference: The person named above is applying to take part in Youth Leadership Program, a one month exchange program in the United States for students and adult mentors. The selected students and mentors will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program.

- I strongly recommend this applicant
- I recommend this applicant
- I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- I do not recommend this applicant

How long, and in what context, have you known this applicant?

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What are the applicant's strengths?

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What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs more development?

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Please describe the applicant's behavior with respect to authority, peer relationships, and activities.

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Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

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Name (printed)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Reference (2)

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